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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/766,800 for SURGICAL CLIP
WITH INTEGRAL SUTURE-SECURING MECHANISM
Our Ref. No. 1439/9

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO/SB/08A in duplicate;
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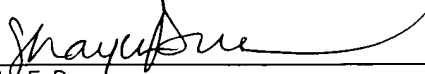
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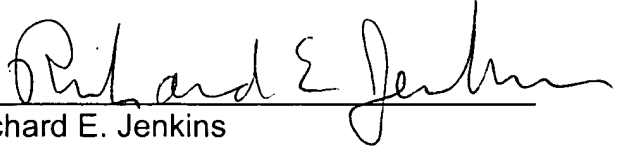
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